2026 TOWN ELECTIONS

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What experiences and perspectives would you contribute to Town Meeting?
I have two kids who have gone through the wps system. I have been a town meeting member for 15+ years. I believe that it's important to have a mix of experience on tm, and having members with history and context is imperative.

What are two or three issues facing Winchester that you think are most important and what are your positions on them?
Budget deficit: override proposed. I am in support of the override. I believe that we need to maintain our building assets, and continue to offer top level education.
Making it easy to do business in Winchester/attracting business: our tax base is largely from personal property taxes - it is import to encourage and attract businesses to increase our tax base.

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What is a special challenge in your precinct that might not be faced in other precincts?

I am not aware of anything different in precinct 7 from other precincts in town.

Why should voters elect you to represent them?

I love living in Winchester, and believe that it is such a great place because so many people give their time to town government. I am the longest serving member from our precinct, and bring a historic perspective on issues. I would be grateful for your vote!

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With override rejected, Winchester shifts from campaigning to budget planning

After Winchester voters rejected an $11.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override on Election Day, March 21, the governing question in town has shifted from persuasion to arithmetic. Select Board member Bill McGonigle, who served on the Yes for Winchester campaign, said the defeat has changed how he approaches

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The biggest shakeup came in Precinct 7, where two officeholders lost in an 11-person contest, matching Precinct 4 for the busiest race.

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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